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# The Daily News

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(Half an hour after sunset to half an hour before sunrise).  
8:00 p.m. to 7:05 a.m.

NORTHERN AND CENTRAL BRITISH COLUMBIA'S NEWSPAPER  
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## German-Held Poland Is Threatened

### Germans Have Evacuated Naples Russians Are Shelling Main Portion of Kiev From Dnieper Heights

#### Lies Believed About To Take Possession of Second Greatest Port

#### Destroy Harbor Installations Before Leaving and Take "Severe" Measures Against Communists

#### Back Over Reichland

#### Thanksgiving Day General Holiday

#### Salvation Army Fund

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#### TELLS ABOUT MESOPOTAMIA

Squadron Leader Harry Jones Tells Gyro Club of Land in Which He Served During Last War.

Mesopotamia, steeped in antiquity and history, was the subject of an interesting descriptive talk at yesterday's weekly luncheon of the Prince Rupert Gyro Club by Squadron Leader Harry Jones of the Royal Canadian Air Force who served in that country in the First Great War. "The Land Between Two Rivers"—the Tigris and Euphrates, Mesopotamia contained the Garden of Eden and there was an ancient pomegranate tree which was said to have been the original tree of good and evil. To large extent the Garden of Eden today was featured by date palms, figs and dust.

Ruins of ancient cities in the early civilization of thousands of years ago were still to be seen. Some of these ruins were buried deep under silt, the city of one era of civilization having been built atop of another with layer of silt between, indicating that there had been great floods just such as the Bible suggested. These ancient civilizations had had their marvels of engineering such as a perfectly straight canal for 150 miles with reversing locks and cities of perfectly square blocks with boundaries running due north and south. Even today there were reminders of the Ark, chickens, goats and dogs being herded into boats with palm leaves and pitch to float to dry land when the seasonal flood waters came.

Squadron Leader Jones also told of the campaign against the Turks in Mesopotamia during the last war, relating some interesting military anecdotes including the capture of a Turkish general staff, the recapture of important British prisoners and the first use of mechanized equipment on a large scale. Mesopotamia was a valuable land, the speaker said. It had its great oil resources and, with irrigation, tremendous agricultural possibilities. Possibly most important of all, however, was the strategic position as an important link with the East.

#### Strike Is Postponed

Mr. Justice C. D. Richards to Investigate Queen Charlotte Islands Dispute.

**VANCOUVER, Sept. 30** — Nigel Morgan, executive member of the International Woodworkers of America, said last night that he had been advised that Mr. Justice C. D. Richards of Winnipeg had been appointed a commissioner to investigate the dispute between the Queen Charlotte Island loggers and operators and had advised the loggers to postpone projected strike action for a week.

The appointment of Mr. Justice Richards was announced at Ottawa yesterday and he will arrive here on Monday to start an investigation by meeting representatives of the camp managements and employees with a view to settling the dispute without necessity of a strike vote.

About 125,000 tons of phosphorus are exported each year from Tahiti.

#### MERGER OF TELEGRAPH COMPANIES

**MONTREAL, Sept. 30**—It was announced from Washington that the Federal Communications Commission had approved the application of the Western Union Telegraph Company and the Postal Telegraph Inc. to merge their respective systems. This application has been the subject of hearings before the commission for the past several months.

Following this announcement W. M. Armstrong, general manager, Canadian National Telegraphs and W. D. Neil, general manager, Canadian Pacific Communications, today made the following joint statement: "It is well known that Western Union has been the exclusive connection of Canadian National Telegraphs and Postal Telegraph the exclusive connection of Canadian Pacific communications for the interchange of telegraph business within each others control. The merging of the two American telegraph systems has made it necessary to modify to some extent existing contractual obligations of the respective companies.

"The two Canadian companies have entered into an understanding with the Consolidated Company which will continue to be known as the Western Union Telegraph Company. This understanding will permit both companies to exchange telegraph traffic of all classes with the United States.

#### LOST RUDDER BUT LOCAL YACHT GETS IN SAFE WITH JURY GEAR

Yacht Full Moon and Party Reach Port in Safety.

Steering with a makeshift rudder which he had hewn out of timber which he had gone ashore and cut down, Dr. William S. Kergin brought his power yacht Full Moon safely into port about 7 o'clock Wednesday evening, the party on board being safe and well. The contraption which Dr. Kergin had used to bring the Full Moon into port after the vessel's own rudder had fallen off was the cause of considerable interest of waterfront passersby after the Full Moon's arrival.

The Full Moon had been at Snug Cove, Porcher Island, and left there on Thursday afternoon. She put into Stephens Island on the way and it was when making a sharp turn while coming out of harbor there that the vessel's rudder was lost. Dr. Kergin made two attempts to rig up an emergency rudder and it was the third that proved successful and brought the vessel in under slow speed.

Late Wednesday afternoon searching aircraft reported having sighted the Full Moon coming in.

There was general relief when the travelers returned as general concern had been expressed. Dr. Kergin expressed regret today over the anxiety that had been occasioned by the episode and voiced his great appreciation of the search efforts of navy, air force, provincial police and others searchers.

Giving an account of his experiences, Dr. Kergin said that the Full Moon had left Snug Cove on Thursday afternoon and put into the Stephens Island anchorage where Thursday and Friday were spent.

Saturday morning the Full Moon moved out of the Stephens Island anchorage, adverse conditions prevailing. Dr. Kergin was navigating from the open helm on the bridge and had two ninety degree turns to make to negotiate the passage of reefs at the entrance. The first turn to the left was made nicely but the helm refused entirely to re-

#### Bulletins

**MANFREDONIA CAPTURED**  
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA — The British Eighth Army captured Manfredonia, 32 miles east of Foggia, on the Italian east coast today.

**EISENHOWER-BADOGGIO MEET**  
WASHINGTON — General Eisenhower and Premier Badoglio, in a warship conference, have discussed how Italy can co-operate militarily with the United Nations against Germany.

**WEWAK IN RUINS**  
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN SOUTH PACIFIC—Wewak, the greatest Japanese base in New Guinea, is in ruins as a result of the second Allied bombing raid upon it. It was the greatest raid so far made in the South Pacific.

Messages destined to the United States will, therefore, continue to be accepted at offices of Canadian Pacific as well as Canadian National Telegraphs.

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#### Is Fined For Theft

Charged with stealing a quantity of composition wall-board and a number of bathroom fixtures from the United States Post utilities depot here, where he was employed as a checker, Harry Sheremeta appeared before Magistrate Vance in city police court, this morning and entered a plea of guilty. Sheremeta was represented by Bruce Brown, who, following the plea, explained to the court the circumstances of the theft, saying that Sheremeta, his native generosity inspired by liquor, had taken the articles from the depot in a company truck and given them to a friend who was building a house. There was no premeditation in the act, nor had Sheremeta done it for gain, counsel contended.

The theft was committed on the morning of September 14. Sheremeta came to Prince Rupert last February from Vancouver Island, and has since worked for various departments of the American service here, earning a good record of service, his counsel said.

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#### Berlin Admits Big Scale Crossing Thrusts of Soviet Forces Across Major River — Rudnya is Latest Capture.

**MOSCOW, Sept. 30 (CP)**—Russian guns shelled the Germans on the high cliffs of Kiev today from the suburbs on the eastern bank of the Dnieper. The Russians held the entire eastern suburbs. Berlin radio said the Russians were continuing big scale crossing thrusts along the central Dnieper without revealing success of the assaults.

The Russians plunged ahead toward the northern borders of White Russia, less than ten miles away, after capturing Rudnya, important communications centre midway between Smolensk and Vitebsk. The Swift Soviet advance constituted a potential threat to German-held Poland, one hundred miles further west.

This was the situation today following the major victory announced in a Russian communique yesterday of the capture of Kremenchug on the east bank of the Dnieper River between Kiev and Dnieperpetrovsk. The capture of Kremenchug wipes out one of the last German bridgeheads on the east bank of the river and isolates a sizeable Nazi force pocketed between the river and Poltava.

#### BUSY WINTER ON RAILWAYS

Chief of Motive Power for C.N.R. Back From Western Tour.

**MONTREAL, Sept. 30**—Forecasting a further increase in all traffic, railwaymen in the west feel they are going to have a very busy winter, stated E. R. Battley, chief of motive power and car equipment, Canadian National Railways, on returning to his office after completing a 7,500 mile tour of the railway's mechanical and maintenance facilities in Western Canada.

The tremendous mileage travelled daily by Canadian National rolling stock carrying freight and passenger traffic of record proportions is due to the efficient manner in which mechanical inspectors are performing their duties, added Mr. Battley. Shop and maintenance forces realize the importance of keeping locomotives and cars in the best of condition as this equipment is constantly being called upon to transport urgent war traffic with the utmost safety and dispatch.

Mr. Battley had a word of praise for the work being performed by women at western shops and roundhouses. Some were doing work entrusted to women for the first time in the history of Canadian railroading and accomplishing it satisfactorily. During the tour Mr. Battley visited Vancouver, Prince Rupert, Prince George, Blue River, McBride, Smithers, Jasper, Edmonton, Edmonton, Saskatoon, Melville, Regina and Winnipeg where shops, roundhouses, repair tracks and stores were thoroughly inspected.

Bruce Mickleburgh left here this week for Vancouver to attend sessions of the executive of the British Columbia School Teachers' Federation in his capacity as representative for Northern British Columbia.

**SKELETON NEWS**  
British newspapers have cut their paper consumption to approximately one-sixth of their pre-war rates.

#### BRACKEN CRITICAL

Charges Prime Minister King With Putting Cloak on His Political Sword—Fears Snap Election.

**OTTAWA, Sept. 30** — John Bracken, National Progressive Conservative leader, in a prepared statement, said last night that Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King, in an address to the national advisory committee of the National Federation Monday, had put himself "in a position for political action upon the slightest pretence."

He said that Mr. King seeks to convey the impression that there will be no election until 1945 while imposing a set of conditions which make it possible for him to call one as soon after the opening of the House as any man raises a voice in what Mr. King might interpret as substantial criticism.

"He approaches his political opponents with a cloak over his political sword," Mr. Bracken said of Mr. King.

#### Valid Dates For Rations Next Month

Following are the valid ration coupon dates for October—

Meat	October 7
Coupons, pair, 20	
Sugar	October 14
Coupons 17 and 18	
Tea or Coffee	Coupons 18 and 19
Butter	Coupons 32 and 33
Meat	Coupons, pair, 21
October 21	
Meat	Coupons, pair, 22
October 28	
Butter	Coupons 34 and 35
Meat	Coupons, pair, 23
The following expire October 31—	
Meat coupons, pairs, 17, 18, 19,	
20 and 21.	
Butter coupons Nos. 28, 29, 30,	
31, 32, and 33.	

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